

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 11, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and are believed to be self-evident. Thus, no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5, 9-13, 15, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0101342 to Hansen; Claims 22, 25, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,130,069 to Honma; Claims 6-8 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,785,812 to Botham, Jr. et al. (hereinafter “Botham”); and Claims 4, 14, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,618 to Shannon.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Previously presented Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*,

a file management server comprising a web page configured to manage a transfer of files and to allow the files to be accessed subject to a first password through the web page;

a file transmitting terminal configured to store a file and a second password for accessing the file, the second password being associated with the file;

a file receiving terminal; and

a mobile terminal,

wherein

said file management server, said file transmitting terminal, said file receiving terminal, and the mobile terminal are connected to each other via a network;

said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit, to said file management server, the file and the second password as a part of an authentication condition for accessing the file, through the web page;

said file management server is configured to store and to correlatingly manage the file and the second password transmitted from said file transmitting terminal;

said mobile terminal is configured to transfer an address of a particular file receiving terminal that is permitted to access the file, to said file management server through the web page;

said file management server is configured to store and to correlatingly manage the address of said particular file receiving terminal with the file;

said file receiving terminal is configured to transmit to said file management server a request for transferring the file; and

in response to the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal, if an address of said file receiving terminal and the address of the particular file receiving terminal transferred by the mobile terminal are determined to match, and if the request transmitted by said file receiving terminal is determined to include the second password, said file management server is configured to transfer the file to said file receiving terminal.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Hansen is directed to a computer-based secure printing system. The Office Action apparently cites the Hansen steps of posting a document to an information holding station (step 104) and pre-identifying a security key (step 108) for teaching “said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit, to said file management server, the file and the second password as a part of an authentication condition for accessing the file, through the web page.”¹

However, it is respectfully submitted that Hansen fails to disclose said file transmitting terminal is configured to transmit, to said file management server, the file and the second password as a part of an authentication condition for accessing the file, through the web page. Rather, with respect to the step of pre-identifying the security key, Hansen

¹ See Office Action dated May 18, 2010, page 5.

simply discusses that this step is an optional step that is performed when the printing request is made in step 106 in anticipation of activation of a printer 30 by a mobile computing device 16 at a printing station 12.² Further, Hansen discusses that the security key permits the user to initiate and complete secure printing of a document upon the user later providing the security key to a selected printer.³ Hansen does not disclose that the pre-identified security key (i.e., the asserted second password) *is transmitted to the image holding station (i.e., the asserted file management server)*, or that the pre-identified security key is for *accessing a file*.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Hansen also fails to disclose said file management server is configured to store and to *correlatingly manage the file and the second password transmitted from said file transmitting terminal*.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claim 1 (and all associated dependent claims) as being anticipated by Hansen.

Independent Claims 11, 20-26, and 30, although of varying scope and/or statutory class, patentably define over Hansen at least for reasons analogous to the reasons stated above for the patentability of Claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 11, 20-26, and 30 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably define over Hansen.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Regarding the rejections of dependent Claims 22, 25, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), it is respectfully submitted that Honma fails to remedy the deficiencies of Hansen, as discussed above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 22, 25, and 30 patentably define over any proper combination of Hansen and Honma.

² See Hansen, paragraph [0028].

³ Id. at paragraph [0032].

Regarding the rejections of dependent Claims 6-8 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), it is respectfully submitted that Botham fails to remedy the deficiencies of Hansen, as discussed above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 6-8 and 16-18 patentably define over any proper combination of Hansen and Botham.

Regarding the rejections of dependent Claims 4, 14, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), it is respectfully submitted that Shannon fails to remedy the deficiencies of Hansen, as discussed above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 4, 14, and 19 patentably define over any proper combination of Hansen and Shannon.

CONCLUSION

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 11, 20-26, and 30 (and all associated dependent claims) patentably define over Hansen, Honma, Botham, and Shannon.

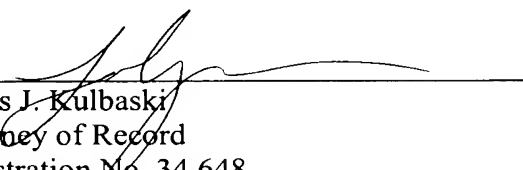
Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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